

Welsh Association of Motor Clubs

Notice of General Meeting

The Meeting will be held on Sunday 12th July 2015 at 13.30 hrs. The venue will be the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells.

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Geoff Field
WAMC Secretary

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Welsh Association of Motor Clubs, at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells, on Sunday 19th April 2015.

Present: Paul Loveridge (Chairman), Dorian Evans (Junior Challenge), Jimmy Jones & Heather Rees-Jones (Clubman's Forest and Club Championship), John Surridge (Road Rally Championship), Gwyn Reynolds-Jones (Northern Centre Chairman), Dave Evison (National Forest Championship Secretary), Chris Summerfield (DSO), Jim Jones (Northern Centre Representative), Mike Taylor (Treasurer), David Thomas (Sprint & Hillclimb Championship Secretary), Neil Fuller (Southern Centre Chairman), Geoff Field (General Secretary).

Delegates from the following Clubs:

Ross & Dist MC, Epynt MC, Marches 4 X 4, Gwendraeth Valley MC, Carmarthen MC, Newtown & Dist MC, Forresters CC, Lampeter & Dist MC, Welsh Border CC, HERO, Rally Stage Team, Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC, Amman & Dist MC, Ammanford MC, Brecon MC, Caernarfon & Anglesey MC, SWAC.

1. Apologies: Matlock MC, Bath MC, DV Thomas, Kevin Witton, Chris Tomley, Rob Baldwin, Neil Henderson, Alan Corns, Alun Morgan, Phil Mills.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

Proposed: John Surridge Seconded: Gwyn Reynolds-Jones

3. Matters Arising from those minutes not covered by this agenda:

None.

4. Membership Applications:

None.

5. MSA Delegates Reports:

Geoff Field - Regional Committee:

Rob Jones, Ian Davis and Simon Blunt were unable to attend the Regional Meeting as they were attending an urgent meeting elsewhere. The meeting continued with Cheryl Lynch attending on Rob's behalf.

Drew Furlong has been appointed as an observer to the Regional Committee meetings for 2015, representing circuit racing.

Nicky Moffitt had a list of regional representative's responsibilities appended to the agenda for the meeting (this will be attached with these minutes).

There has been no progress made with Environmental Scrutineer training – John Ryan to be contacted about this.

The need for 100% agreement from competitors to any date changes for championship events was discussed. Council can see no other way of dealing with this, other than including alternative dates in the list of events. Geoff Field stated that, on the advice of Colin Hilton, a declaration had been included on the championship registration form, to the effect that competitors agreed to accept date changes as a result of a venue not being available on the original date and that had worked very well for the last couple of years. This would no longer be acceptable.

Items from Chief Executive:

Rob's own diary included:

- attending FIA World Council in Qatar
- his 2-year term as Chairman of the Ethics Committee has ended, is now Deputy to Graham Stoker.
- the Autosport Show and the new MSA stand which had a lot more space. Cheryl advised it worked very well it was well received and made it more approachable. The stand also included Go Motorsport and the MSA Academy for the first time. There was also an increase in people applying for licences.
- The Race and Respect campaign was also launched at the Show. Cheryl said that this was being introduced in the MSA Bambino and MSA Cadet and also gave thanks to Jess with her huge amount of help in this initiative.

□ Night of Champions was very successful and also the CEO had been in Northern Ireland attending the ANICC Dinner.

Items for updated included:

- Closed Roads – with the time taken to achieve this and if and when the De-Regulation Bill becomes an Act, it is very likely there will be no events until 2016.
- The Scottish Government Report – there has been meetings both internally and externally regarding key recommendations. The recognition of marshals has resulted in Chris Hobson now being elected to Council as a direct representative of all marshals.
- Rally Tracking is still being looked at and is an important aspect which cannot be completed too quickly; two events are being used (Mid Wales Stages and the Malcolm Wilson) for testing of potential systems.
- Insurance – the prices are being held at the same price as last year.
- FIA Sustainability Award – MSA was granted Achievement of Excellence.

There was one question for the Chief Executive from Bob regarding closed roads and where we are with it. It was advised that the Deregulation Bill has an extended term date of 31 March 2015 and is still at the report stage at the House of Lords. It needs to become an Act during this Parliament. Paul commented by the time the regulations are in place 2016 a seems more sensible timescale.

Clubs should take a responsible approach to dealing with people who fly “drones” over a venue where a competition is taking place.

“Taster” days were discussed and clubs are encouraged to do this. Geoff pointed out that increasing club membership, with new (young) blood is key to the future of motor sport and to the success of clubs as we need new marshals and organisers, as well as competitors.

Regional Timekeepers List – updates should be sent to Michael Duncan every year.

Inter-Association events were discussed and a list, showing a rota of different disciplines, was discussed and it was agreed that we would confirm our intention to comply with this (or not) at the next meeting.

Jess Flack gave an update on GoMotorsport.

Simon Fowler updated the meeting on the fixture list system and advised that under the old system 1200 events had applied for the year, whilst at the beginning of February this year we have 2100 events on the system. The permits system currently receives 20 online permit applications per day which equates to 60% of permit applications being made on-line.

There was an extensive discussion on the Scottish Government’s review into safety at sporting events.

Dorian Evans - Rallies Committee:

MSA Safety and Medical Radio Frequency - A new frequency have been secured, split into two channels as per the existing frequency, and will be rolled out later this year. 804 radios may need modifying. Retuning to add the new channels can be done with the existing radio's annual service to minimise the costs. Some radios with limited channel capacity may need to be replaced and the MSA Board has agreed to provide funds to cover some of the cost of modifying, servicing or possible replacement of some sets, at a possible cost of up to £250,000 in total.

Tracking Systems – 2 systems have been tested on the Mid Wales Stages, one using both GSM coverage alongside satellite coverage, the second being GSM only, which suffered due to lack of coverage at some points. A third system, Rallitrack, has not been able to present a working trial on two rallies in March, a third chance will be given to them on the Pirelli Rally.

Timekeepers – It was decided to delete the regulation that requires an MSA or Regional timekeeper on road rallies timed to less than one minute.

False Starts on special stages – A new regulation is to be introduced which will define where a beam recording false starts should be placed (30cm – 40cm in front of the start line).

Vehicle weight limits – The consultation responses were considered and it was agreed to proceed with this regulation change in an unaltered state. This is subject to no further consultation responses, which raise significant points, arriving before the closing date of 30th April.

Single Venue Rally – The penalties section for target timed events will be modified to allow a competitor to miss a stage on a single venue rally and continue. The penalty will be a stage maximum.

All new rule changes above will go out for consultation.

Scottish Government Review – The implementation of the 30 points raised in the report is now under way with varying lengths of time required to complete each aspect. Interim rally safety recommendations will be published later this month and all multi venue stage rallies will be required to follow these with immediate effect.

There have been 3 stakeholder meetings recently involving presentations from the MSA, FC and NRW, and attended by mostly Stage Rally Organisers. Jacqueline Campbell made a presentation on behalf of the MSA, and the basis of her message was that most organisers do an excellent job in organising the competitive element of events, but work needed doing on the “public entertainment” aspect of rally organisation.

The FC and NRW presentations made no secret of the fact that there is no master agreement currently in force, and there wouldn't be one if the 30 points raised in the report are not addressed.

At the rallies committee meeting I asked how badly the FC and NRW need rallies, the answer being “not at all”. Both are themselves under a Health and Safety revue, and well do without the hassle that rallying creates.

Deregulation Bill – This achieved Royal Assent in the last week of March but to use the legislation to close roads we have to wait until the enabling legislation is created. This will be at least 12 – 15 months away but we have achieved a major step forward. Closed Roads will likely be used as part of an existing event, rather than a new completely closed road event.

An additional meeting of the Rallies Committee will be held on Tuesday 11th August. This is to allow any regulation changes that the implementation of certain aspects of the Scottish review will require to be agreed in time for the September meeting of the Motor Sports Council.

Special tests – By definition these may only be used on road rallies timed to the minute. I asked that since in the recent past road rallies timed to the second had been authorised to have special tests, without any problems, whether the definition could be changed to allow this, but this was turned down. Road Rallies timed to the second cannot make use of Special tests

Date Changes – Contract Law dictates that there is no way of championship events changing their dates without the written consent of all registered contenders. Stating in championship regulations that dates may be changed would still contravene contract law, despite this being the recommended action from Colin Hilton in the past.

Council (Paul Loveridge):

The Scottish Report took up much of the time.

The proposed tracking system was discussed, but it looks like it might be a lot more expensive than anticipated, though very effective and versatile.

Paul had been criticised, at previous meetings, for not including racing in his report, so he did this time and mentioned that Pembrey isn't included as a round of the BTCC championship.

Championship steering group – Dave Evison:

Following the MSA announcement of 12 March 2015 regarding Reg. R24.1.4 a lengthy discussion took place, there was a general consensus that no proof existed that “one way was better than another” It was also agreed that whilst the process had been “badly handled” the feeling was there was “no way” that the MSA would change their decision.

The championship representatives outlined the impact it would have on Entries: Historic's Cat 1, RF and 1400s feared to be particularly hardest hit.

The chairman is to feed back comments from the meeting to the MSA with the suggestion that more experienced organisers/personnel should be allowed into the decision making process.

Andrew Kellitt outlined the latest position with the Safety Guidelines, due in April, and the appointment of Safety Delegates.

A discussion highlighted concerns re: their appointment and training.

AK stated it is an ongoing process and will be in place.

It was noted that The Safety Review supports rallying and we must put in place the requirements for every event. For example, the start and finish areas have been identified as the most dangerous.

Tyres. The new list is in place however it was felt the Blue Book L.3.3 is not clear enough on "No Cutting", BB ruling/layout to be discussed with Ian Davies.

Fuel- MSA will be conducting fuel tests during the year.

2016 events and dates must be confirmed at our next meeting.

MSA Tracking 2 systems were evaluated on the Mid Wales Stages Rally.

Economic Impact Surveys.

Not much more progress. It appears that some events are still obtaining data and using them well for their own purposes.

DE advised the committee about the impact of regulation W1.1.8. where the 2015 WAMC Tarmac series lost two rounds, through not being able to obtain written agreement from all registered contenders, it is a particular problem encountered on MOD land. Championship secretaries reported that they "held back" permit apps to counter any last minute date changes.

DE asked if the "Calendar" could be separated from the Technical and Sporting Regulations.

Andrew Kellitt thought it was possible, Mike Broad would discuss further with Ian Davis.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday June 16 2015.

Road rally working group: No report

6. Treasurers Report – Mike Taylor:

At this stage of the year, we are in the same position as we were last year, but will be holding some meetings to discuss ways forward.

There are currently 6 clubs who haven't paid their membership fees.

7. Centre Reports:

Southern Centre:

South – Well attended meeting. It was noted that Ryland James has stepped down from his role as Development Officer for GoMotorsport.

Mike Kennet was presented with the Silver Salver for his contribution to motor sport.

Northern Centre:

North – following their AGM, there was considerable discussion about marshal safety, where control boards were used to slow cars down when coming into the control area. It wasn't a very successful exercise and another meeting will be held to see if an improvement can be made.

8. Championship Reports:

Forest National:

Registrations to-date: Are up 41 on the same period last year.

Total 119 (78) Driver 63 (39) Co Drivers 56 (39) No of Drivers Wydean 37 (31), Mid Wales 30 (13), Rally North Wales 26 (-).

After 3 rounds

Leading O/a Driver: - Bob Ceen 76pts Co Driver Roger Allan 74pts

Group N Driver:- Paul Davy 87pts, Co-Driver Roger Allan 87 pts
Two Wheel Drive: - Driver Jamie Jukes 82 pts, Co-Driver Dave Williams 76pts
Under 25:- Driver Meirion Evans 32pts, Co-Driver Carom Tomlinson 28pts

Rd-1 Wyedean 167 Entries, 47 retirements on the 40th running of the Wyedean. On the day the format was well received, although the very wet weather in the week prior led to some complaints from some competitors about the conditions of the stages. An MSA appointed safety delegate was appointed to the event, however, post event the event organisers have been criticised over spectator safety.

Rd-2 Mid Wales Stages 130 Entries, left Theatre Hafren for 4 stages, split by service in Sweet Lamb. The format with long stages was well received by contenders although the weather was somewhat inclement for officials, marshals and spectators. An MSA ruling only days before meant cars were seeded in conventional running order, an appointed safety officer on the event was joined by several MSA execs. to lend support in the organisation of the event and also the trialled "tracking" programmes. The event was well received.

Rd-3 Rally North Wales, 97 starters left Rally HQ Gwyndaff Evans Motors Dolgellau, a first, in torrential rain to tackle 6 stages in the Dyfi complex, split with a return to service in the Farmers Mart Dolgellau. The change to Dolgellau meant the route was a very compact 41 stage miles and 66 road miles, returning to Dolgellau for an early finish with awards handed over on the finish ramp. The format was very well received by contenders and a good following watched the finish ramp celebrations.

Paul Davy heads the RAVENOL challenge. TV coverage now in place has seen Rds 1 and 2 covered, broadcast on Motors TV (Now also on Channel 240 Freeview). Radio has also used footage provided by the special stage team covering contenders on both the Mid Wales and Rally North Wales. Additional funding has been found with a Pembroke company GenPower UK and Rally Marketing Welshpool, agreeing to sponsor the results/tables pages.

Thanks to the committee for approving a Junior Day for 2015, planning for which is at a very early stage.
Next Event-The Plains Rally

Forest Clubmans:

This year there has been an increase in championship registrations by 95%. with competitors still able to register for the championship on the next 2 rounds.

The championship commenced on the 1st February with the Red Kite Stages hosted by Amman & District Motor Club and based in Llandovery and using both Crychan & Caio Forests a total of 6 stages over 44 miles. The rally started from the main car park in Llandovery and attracted an excellent entry of 105 crews with 21 of the crews contesting the www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship.

The morning of the rally saw a fall of snow overnight and freezing conditions. This resulted in SS 2 having to be cancelled due to the treacherous conditions to gain access to the stage start.

Terry Brown and Den Golding were the first championship contender's home in the www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship.

The second round of the www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship was the Mid Wales Stages hosted by Newtown & District Automobile Club and based at Theatre Hafren, Newtown with a town centre start.

This event used stages in the Hafren and Myherin Forests with service at Sweet Lamb.

Ben Llewellyn and Ross Whittock were the first championship contender's home in the www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship.

After two rounds the championship lead is tied between Terry Brown / Den Golding and Ben Llewellyn / Ross Whittock. Both crews are competing in Ford Escort Mk II.

Terry Brown / Den Golding beat Ben Llewellyn / Ross Whittock by 44 seconds on the first round but Ben Llewellyn / Ross Whittock beat Terry Brown / Den Golding by 44 seconds on the second round.

The latest Championship Points are on the WAMC web site and is normally updated within 24 hours of the championship round results being declared final.

Remaining Rounds of the www.jelfmotorsport.com Welsh Clubman's Forest Championship

16 th May	Plains Rally	Knutsford & Dist. M C
20 th June	Red Dragon Stages	Port Talbot M C
18 th July	Sweet Lamb Stages	H R C R & Forest of Dean M C
15 th August	Neath Valley Stages	Three Counties C C
17 th October	Cambrian Rally	North Wales C C

Best 5 scores to count.

Tarmacadam:

The 2015 championship is supported by a new sponsor J D Tyres, and to date there are 37 Drivers and 33 Co-Drivers registered for the championship. Three rounds have been held to date. Leading the Drivers is Roger Hicks with 68 points, Phil Turner with 64 points, and Bob Fowden with 52 points. Simon Anthony leads the Co-Drivers with 65 points, Ashley Trimble with 52 points, and Jamie Barber with 46 points. The Under 25 Driver is being led by Chris Hand & the Ladies Award by Sherryn Roberts. Unfortunately we have lost two rounds from the Championship namely The Harlech Stages, and Mid Summer Caerwent Rally as we did not have a 100% response from the competitors to the Date Changes. We now have 8 rounds with the best 5 rounds to count. The next round of the championship will be The Dale Stages on the 17th of May run by Teifi Valley Motor Club.

Historic:

Two rounds of the championship have now taken place and currently we have 27 registered contenders. This is down on last year but this is due to the major changes in the BHRC with defection to the RACCC and thus less cross over events and many targeted regional championships within the umbrella of the BHRC/RACCC this coupled with the MSA withdrawal of the seeding dispensation many historic competitors are now not entering forestry events.

This situation may need to be monitored and perhaps historic championships may have to be tarmac to get the competitors back out.

Following the Rally North Wales which has successfully reinvented itself with a new format which proved popular leading Driver is David Lloyd-Roberts in the Mk2 RS2000 leading Co-Driver is Ian Jones in another Mk2 RS2000 but not the same car

Leading Positions

Drivers	Co-Drivers
David Lloyd-Roberts 57	Ian Jones 53
John Baker 49	Guy Weaver 31
David Stokes 31	Graham Cox 31
David Dobson 31	Alan Jones 31
Steve Ward 31	Phil Sandham 30

Next round is a new event the Dixies Historic Challenge which has generated a lot of interest and is a compact one day event on the 3rd May.

Speed:

There are now 24 registered contenders for the 2015 Championship.

The first round took place on 22nd March at Rockingham organised by the BARC.

Disappointingly only two championship contenders entered and only one managed to reach the competitive runs. However congratulations must go to Wynne Morgan for winning his class in his Renault Clio.

The second round took place yesterday, 18th April at Loton Park with eight championship contenders entered and 7 (to be confirmed) for the second day on 19th April.

Regulations and entry form have been circulated to all registered contenders and other interested parties as they become available.

Autosolo:

James Chappelle has taken this series on and we'll monitor how it progresses. The Autotest series stopped a few years ago and we agreed to try this as a replacement series.

Road Rally:

The 2015 Championship has attracted 78 Registrations, 42 Drivers and 36 Navigators which although down on last year, is still a healthy number

Three rounds of the Championship have now run, and we are now able to publish the points position.

You will be aware that three vehicles were selected at scrutineering on the Bro Caron, to have their engines sealed for a capacity check. The rules state that once sealed, an engine must be inspected within 30 days.

Arwel Hughes Jones declined to have his engine inspected and so all points accrued so far by Arwel and his Navigator, Dylan John Williams have been removed.

Ian 'Dude' Roberts arranged for the inspection to be done within the agreed time. The cylinder head was removed to allow the engine capacity to be checked and his engine was found to be completely legal. Kevin Kerr was granted an extension to 50 days as per MSA rules and has twice refused to have his engine inspected as per WAMC Championship rules. As a result, all points accrued by Kevin and his navigator Max Freeman have also been removed.

Competitors who are registered for the Championship are reminded that both Driver and Navigator are responsible for ensuring that the vehicle in which they compete complies with WAMC Road Rally Championship rules. Registered Navigators who compete with non registered Drivers must also ensure that the vehicle complies if they wish to score Championship points.

There has been considerable discussion about this situation, and the rules for 2016 will need to be strengthened considerably to ensure that we can police the capacity rule rigidly.

The feedback from competitors has been mostly favourable, as there have been many accusations of competitors using oversize engines over the last few years.

Club Championship:

Port Talbot M. C.	112
Three Counties Car Club	99
Ammanford M. C.	73
H. R. C. R.	62
Forresters C. C.	50
Teify Valley M. C.	50
North Wales C. C.	48
Hheads of Valley A. C.	45
Pembrokeshire M. C.	45
Forest Of Dean M. C.	43
Ludlow Castle M. C.	37
116 Club	32
Bala & District M. C.	26
Llandysul M. C.	25
Welsh Border C. C.	23

Carmarthen M. C.	22
Herefordshire M. C.	22
Sixty & Worcs. M. C.	21
Lampeter & Dist.M. C.	20
W. & S. S. C. C.	20
Bath M. C.	19
Gwendraeth Valley M. C.	13
Wallasey M. C.	10
Amman & Dist. M. C.	9
Swansea M. C.	8
Taunton M. C.	7
Newtown & Dist. A. C.	5
Ross & District M. C.	5
Llanelli & District M. C.	3
Clwyd Vale M. C.	1

King of Epynt:

The first round of the championship the Tour of Epynt was held in adverse weather conditions in the morning, but improved in the afternoon. To date there are 29 Drivers and 26 Co-drivers registered for the championship. Registrations will close on the next round being The Welsh Marches Mini Epynt Rally on the 31st of May. Leading the championship is Damian Cole & Jack Morton followed by Bob Fowden & Roger Hicks in the Drivers, and Peter James & Ashley Trimble in the Co-Drivers.

Junior Challenge:

The first round of the 2015 WAMC Junior Challenge, the Spring RosSolo, organised by Ross and District Motor Sport Group, took place on the 15th March, at Mitcheldean.

One eligible contender, Miranda Wakeman, registered for the championship along with her father Alan in the team category.

I have since received the registration from the current Junior Challenge Champion, Charlotte Phelps, along with her brother Adam and father John in 2 separate teams.

The Regulations for the the next 3 rounds, the Ty Croes Sprint Weekend, the Llys y Fran Hillclimb and the Epynt Hillclimb are all available, and they have been publicised on the Website and Facebook page, and the details sent to this years and last years registered contenders.

I will only be able to attend the first day of the Ty Croes Sprint weekend, and will unfortunately be away the weekend of the Llys y Fran Hillclimb.

The points are as follows:

Overall:

Miranda Wakeman 30

Class JC2 1001 - 1600cc

Miranda Wakeman 20

Team Award

Team Wakeman 20

Cross Country Events:

First event was Myherin 11th – 12th April.

The, by now, low entry list, just bumping along the minimum required for financial survival, managed close racing over a course modified by NRW logging operations.

A newcomer to the series beat last year's champion by just two seconds, despite timing comms issues. However, the results went final and we look forward to the next event at Radnor forest on 9th – 10th May.

10. Forestry Liaison Officer Reports:

Kevin Witton:

Since the last WAMC Main meeting there has been a number of events using the forests of North Wales, the last one being the first round of the British Cross Country Championship. The BCCC was held in Myherin Forest and returned after not being run last year due to a lack of entries. The next event will be Newtown and District's Hill Rally which will take place in Hafren, Myherin and Sweet Lamb on the 2 and 3 May.

Since the Scottish report was published NRW and forestry in general have started increase the amount and quality of documentation they require. To explain this there have been a couple of meetings, one in Bromsgrove and one in Harrogate. One document that the FC/NRW will require will be the event Safety Manual and this should be in-line with guide lines that the MSA are due to release. All rallies using forestry must use these guidelines as the basis for their safety manuals from 1 June 2015, any events

before this date are exempt but one event has already been ask for the safety manual based on the guide lines.

Officials from NRW also may wish to traverse the event route to ensure that the information they have been given is correct. Therefore any event must ensure that there is a time in the event schedule for the FLO / NRW may enter the stage, which has been in the North Wales FLO requirements for a few years now.

Currently schedule 1 birds are nesting and will be until August and events maybe requested to change route at short notice this has happen to the Plains Rally in the last few weeks. If you need to modify your route please can you ensure that you contact me as soon as possible as I have agreed a standard set of rules with NRW that need to be adhered too. As well as this if you are requested to do things by NRW that will effect other events can you also make me aware of this before agreeing anything with NRW.

Events in Powys may or may not have problem in obtaining section 33 approval, I have heard that some events have had very little problem getting the document where as others have had to jump through hoops and in one extreme case a complaint was lodged with the county council. If you do have trouble getting section 33 approval for rights of way in the forest can you please let me know.

The time of the year is fast approaching when the forms are sent out for forestry allocation, if you have previously had allocation then you should receive the form automatically but if not and you are tempted to use the woods please can you let me know so that I can ensure that you do not miss out. The end of the year will become very busy as this year the Master agreement will be renegotiated and we may not be able to accommodate events/clubs that apply late.

And finally I am looking for a new venue for the North Wales FLO / Clerks meeting at the end of November. Ideally it should be around the Oswestry, Welshpool or Newtown Area and have enough space for 30 people and as the WAMC pick up the bill not too expensive.

Keith Ashley:

No report received.

Neil Henderson:

Neil has tendered his resignation from the role, to Ian Davis, at the MSA. Geoff to write to Neil and thank him for his efforts over the last few years.

11. Route Liaison Officer Reports:

North Wales – John Davies:

No report received.

South Wales – Andrew Thomson:

No report received.

12. Venue Liaison Officer Reports

Epynt and Caerwent – Phil Jones:

Settled at the moment, with a few events taking place in the next few months in Caerwent and Epynt, as follows:

Epynt:

3rd May – Dixies Historic Challenge

30th May – Severn Valley Stages

31st May – Hereford Mini Epynt

13/14 June – Brecon Hillclimb

Caerwent:

16th May – Leukaemia Rally

21st June – Midsummer Caerwent Rally

Pembrey – Gethin Rees:

No report received.

13. Competition Committee Report:

Mostly covered under their own heading. Geoff to raise expenses from the MSA for FLO's and RLO's to attend our meetings – they are MSA appointments, not WAMC appointments.

Jim Jones raised the issue of passing on information, as he feels that some information isn't getting out to members, as he doesn't get everything. Geoff countered that he sends information out to all member clubs and Competitions Committee members and doesn't get any non-delivered messages back, so the adopted system should be working.

When clubs submit an application for a championship round, they will be required to include payment for the round with the form. This is to overcome an issue of non-payment from some organisers.

Training is being reviewed and the WAMC will encourage regional training days, to ensure that everyone gets the same, up-to-date training on a regular basis.

There is funding available from the MSA for safety items.

14. Dates & Fixture List Changes:

None.

15. Correspondence:

Geoff: MSA – Magazine, Minutes of various meetings, Elite Cymru & SCW letters and meetings, Elite Cymru applications and correspondence, email from Jim Jones and a personal letter to Rob Jones re: the requirement for 100% agreement from competitors to any change of date for an event.

16. Year Book Amendments:

Change of Officials for Rally Stage Team – given to Geoff to update.

The agreed (at AGM) change to the WAMC Constitution is to be sent to Kevin Witton and Gethin Rees for inclusion on the website and the yearbook (for the next issue).

17. Any other business:

17.1 None.

18. Date and venue of next meeting – 12th July 2015, Metropole Hotel, at 13.30.